

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

QUARTERLY PROVIDER BRIEFING  
January 22, 2010

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- 1. What is being done/planned to move towards integration with primary health care in line with the federal objectives through CSAT and ONDCP?***

This is one of the goals for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), formerly known as Alcohol and Drug Program Administration, and it is in the planning stages. There must be an organized attempt to reach out to community physicians and treatment agencies to address the importance of incorporating substance abuse screening into their normal practice. Treatment agencies should connect with community physicians. This is a work that will require coordination across the health care systems.

- 2. How do we get on the Prime for Life March training wait list?***

The Prime for Life training application and information is listed on SAPC's website. Please feel free to go to the site and download the information at: <http://www.lapublichealth.org/adpa>.

- 3. When will the Prevention Request for Proposals be due?***

SAPC intends to release the Prevention RFP in February. This document will have the proposal due dates.

- 4. When will the meeting PowerPoint presentation be posted on SAPC site?***

The presentation will be posted by next week. The questions and answers will be posted within two weeks.

- 5. Any news on providers who have submitted Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) applications, when will the applications be processed?***

The County has temporarily stopped contracting with new agencies for DMC services. Because of significant fiscal and programmatic challenges to the DMC program, the SAPC conducted a comprehensive analysis of the program and has finalized a report. The report includes recommendations for administrative and legislative remedies to the challenges identified in the report. The County plans to reconsider whether to start contracting with new DMC agencies again when most administrative remedies have been implemented. One of the recommendations is that SAPC conduct regular meetings and trainings for DMC providers, these have already started, with the second meeting/training held on

January 29, 2010. The legislative remedies may be more difficult to implement, but SAPC will start working with the State and County legislative advocates on these issues.

***6. Do you offer automatic deposit for contract providers? If you do, how do they sign up for it?***

SAPC does not currently offer automatic deposit. However, the County is piloting a project to test the feasibility of offering this service. More information may be available later this year.

***7. When will the issue of Medicare first will be resolved? Is anything being done to resolve it?***

Please see the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, January 29, 2010 Letter – Click [here](#).